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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

COOPER, Thomas G.

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For: Telepresence System and Method Using  
Surgical Assemblies And Mounting Joints

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COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A Petition to Extend Time for two months from June 19, 2004 to August 19, 2004 is filed herewith, concurrently with the filing of a continuation application (Attorney Docket No. 017516-000140US) containing claims directed to a robotic surgical system forearm assembly.

In response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004, Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out that the Madhani et al. reference (USPN 5,807,377) discusses methods of performing surgical procedures similar to those claimed in the instant application.

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Applicants plans to file a new application in the Madhani et al. line of cases to contain claims similar to those contained in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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